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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Makoto TOMIOKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2621**

Application Number: **09/893,677**

Examiner: **David J. Czekaj**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents

December 29, 2006

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006 for two months from October 31, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$950.00 (\$450.00 + \$500.00) for the cost of the extension. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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